

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 12-57 are allowed in the application, with claims 12, 18, and 25 being the independent claims. Claims 12, 18, 22, 25, 29, 31, 42, and 57 are sought to be amended to correct for minor informalities. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the amended claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, do not change the scope of the claims, and therefore their entry is respectfully requested.

The claims presented in this Application should be interpreted solely based on the file history of this Application, not the file history of any predecessor or related application. With respect to this application, the Applicants hereby rescind any and all disclaimers of claim scope made in any parent application(s), any predecessor application(s), and any related application(s). The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and any references that allegedly caused any previous disclaimer of claim scope, may need to be revisited. Nor should any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, in this Application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 12-57 in the Notice of Allowability dated September 17, 2009 ("Notice of Allowability").

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate claims 12-57 are allowable over the art made of record for further reasons related to any of their recited features. Applicants further contend that reservation of this right does not give rise to any implication regarding whether the Applicants agree with or acquiesce in the reasoning provided by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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